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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	§	
Lyle Bate	§	Attorney Docket No. 26530.4
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Serial No. 09/450,867	§	Customer No. 27683
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Filed: November 30, 1999	§	Group Art Unit: 2152
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For: CACHING AND ACCESSING	§	Examiner: Willett, Stephan F.
RIGHTS IN A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING	§	
SYSTEM	§	

TRANSMITTAL

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following regarding the above-identified patent application:

1. Amendment in response to the September 12, 2002 Office Action;

2. Transmittal sheet in duplicate; and

3. Return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the papers submitted herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed September 12, 2002, please consider the following amendment and remarks:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 15 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for caching and accessing rights in a distributed computing system, the method comprising the steps of:

accessing, by a software agent, a directory service, wherein the agent is located on a deputization point coupled to the directory service, and wherein the directory service comprises the rights of a software principal to a resource;

updating, by the agent, the rights to an access control list cache, wherein the access control list cache is coupled to the deputization point and to the principal;

receiving, at the access control list cache, a request from the principal for the rights;

retrieving, by the access control list cache, the rights; and

forwarding, to the principal, the rights.